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1. On 20 February 1952 the Chinese Communist central government promulgated regulations on the punishment of persons guilty of carrying out counter-revolutionary activities. The text of these regulations is as follows:
- The purpose of these regulations is to punish criminals, to strengthen the people's democratic form of government, and to suppress counter-revolutionary activities.
 - Counter-revolutionary criminals who plan to overthrow the people's democratic regime or to destroy the people's democratic achievements are to be punished in accordance with these regulations.
 - Those who are in league with the imperialists and betray their country shall be sentenced to death.
 - Those who induce officials of the government and members of the armed forces or the militia to rebel against the country shall be sentenced to death.
 - Leaders and planners of an armed rebellion shall be sentenced to death, and all other active participants shall be sentenced to five years of imprisonment.
 - Those guilty of espionage such as stealing state secrets, giving information to the enemy, designating targets for enemy planes and warships, or furnishing weapons, ammunition, or other military supplies to the enemy, shall be sentenced to death.

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- g. Those who participate in counter-revolutionary organizations or espionage rings or are sent by the enemy on espionage missions shall be sentenced to death.
- h. Those who use feudalistic organizations to undertake counter-revolutionary activities shall be sentenced to death.
- i. Those who sabotage military installations, factories, mines, forests, farms, dikes, banks, warehouses, or embankments, or disrupt the economic or financial status of the country or forge official documents to carry out counter-revolutionary activities shall be sentenced to death.
- j. Those who interfere with tax and food collections, labor conscription, public service, or military construction, who provoke enmity between the people and the government, or who spread rumors causing unrest shall be sentenced to death.
- k. Those who intend to exfiltrate through the national borders to carry out counter-revolutionary activities shall be sentenced to death.
- l. The leader of a mob who assists a person to escape from jail and the person who escapes from a jail shall be sentenced to death.
- m. Those who provide shelter for counter-revolutionary criminals shall be sentenced to death.
- n. Those who are guilty of the above mentioned crimes but come under any of the following specified conditions may have their penalties reduced:
 - (1) Those who voluntarily surrender to the people's government in a spirit of true repentance.
 - (2) Those who have genuinely repented and have performed meritorious deeds.
 - (3) Those who have committed the above-mentioned crimes under duress of counter-revolutionaries.
 - (4) Those who committed minor counter-revolutionary crimes before the liberation, if it is evident that they have truly repented and that they do not maintain liaison with counter-revolutionary organizations.
- o. Except for those sentenced to death or life imprisonment, criminals who are guilty of more than one crime shall be sentenced in accordance with the severest crime committed.
- p. Criminals guilty of counter-revolutionary crimes not enumerated above shall be sentenced in accordance with similar crimes specified in these regulations.
- q. Criminals convicted of crimes specified in these regulations may be deprived of all political rights and their property may be totally or partially confiscated.
- r. These regulations shall be applicable to all counter-revolutionaries convicted prior to the promulgation of these regulations.

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s. All persons have the right to prosecute or report to the people's government any counter-revolutionary criminal. However, false and malicious accusations are prohibited.

t. During the period of military administration all cases covered by regulations will be handled by military courts formed by the headquarters of the Bandit Suppression Command¹ of the Military and Administrative Committee of the various military district commands.

25X1 ☐ 2. In May Chinese Communist authorities decided to suspend the five anti movement in order not to affect production, and to require industrial and commercial concerns to agree to the temporary suspension of the five anti movement on the following conditions:

- a. To try to promote production under the leadership of the laboring class and on the basis of strengthening the national economy.
- b. To continue to confess past misdeeds in order to become thoroughly reformed.
- c. To pay strict attention to legal and honest operation of their businesses henceforth.
- d. To make denunciations on a wide scale, and to carry out the "patriotic, boost production and curtailment plans" unanimously. Violators of this regulation are to be punished under the five anti movement.

25X1 1. ☐ Comment. Possibly a unit of the Military and Administrative Committees comparable to the Guerrilla Defense Bureau (2976/5944/0202/5899/1444) of the Ministry of Public Security.

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